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Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequences mailed October 26, 2004, Applicant requests entry of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.